



2009 Hurricane Preparedness

BY CONGRESSMAN CHARLIE MELANCON

In Louisiana, no one has to remind us that June marks the beginning of the hurricane season. The past few years have brought storms to Louisiana that defy the best efforts of forecasters to predict where they will land and how strong they will be at landfall. Every household and business should complete most of their preparations for a storm now – before it is too late to act.

The best way to prepare for the next hurricane or tropical storm is to have a game plan for possible evacuation or hurricane conditions. Listed on the right is a valuable hurricane preparedness checklist. I've also listed the emergency numbers for your parish if you have any questions about evacuation orders. Tear off the card and keep it with your Hurricane Preparedness Kit.

Working to make Louisiana safer from hurricanes:

In the past few years, Congressman Melancon has worked to secure over \$1 billion in federal funding for increased hurricane protection through new levees and evacuation routes.

CONGRESSMAN
CHARLIE MELANCON



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST:

Prepare a Personal Evacuation Plan

- ☐ Identify ahead of time where you could go if told to evacuate
- ☐ Keep a roadmap handy as you may need to take an alternative route if roads are closed

Prepare a Preparedness Kit for use when you leave your home

- ☐ Flashlight with extra batteries
- ☐ Battery-powered radio
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ Prescription medications
- ☐ Water (at least one gallon per person)
- ☐ 3-day supply of foods that do not require refrigeration or cooking
- ☐ Items that infants and elderly household members require
- ☐ Medical equipment and devices as needed
- ☐ Change of clothes for each household member
- ☐ Sleeping bag or bedroll for each household member
- ☐ Checkbook, cash and credit cards

Important Papers to take with you in case of evacuation:

- ☐ Drivers license or personal ID and Social Security card
- ☐ Proof of residence
- ☐ Insurance policies
- ☐ Stocks, bonds and other negotiable certificates



If you have any questions or need further information please contact my district offices at the numbers below:

Houma
423 Lafayette St.
Suite 107
985-876-3033

Gonzales
1201 S. Purpera Ave.
Suite 601
225-621-8490

New Iberia
124 East Main Street
Suite 100
337-367-8231

Chalmette
8201 W. Judge Perez Drive
504-271-1707

ASCENSION PARISH

Emergency Management.....225.621.8360

Sheriff's Department.....225.473.8671

For police, fire or medical assistance during an emergency call 911.
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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Emergency Management.....985.652.2222

Sheriff's Department.....985.652.9513

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ST. JAMES PARISH

Emergency Management.....225.562.2364

Sheriff's Department.....225.562.2200

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ST. BERNARD PARISH

Emergency Management.....504.278.4267

Sheriff's Department.....504.271.2501

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PLAQUEMINES PARISH

Emergency Management.....504.297.5671

Sheriff's Department.....504.564.2525

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JEFFERSON PARISH

Emergency Management.....504.349.5360

Sheriff's Department.....504.349.5322

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ST. CHARLES PARISH

Emergency Management.....985.783.5050

Sheriff's Department.....985.783.6807

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LAFOURCHE PARISH

Emergency Management.....985.537.7603

Sheriff's Department.....985.532.2808

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TERREBONNE PARISH

Emergency Management.....985.873.6357

Sheriff's Department.....985.876.2500

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ASSUMPTION PARISH

Emergency Management.....985.369.7386

Sheriff's Department.....985.369.2912

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ST. MARTIN PARISH

Emergency Management.....337.394.2800

Sheriff's Department.....337.394.3071

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ST. MARY PARISH

Emergency Management.....985.385.2600

Sheriff's Department.....337.828.1960

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IBERIA PARISH

Emergency Management.....337.369.4427

Sheriff's Department.....337.369.3711

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